



ATLANTIC WHITE CEDAR

Chamaecyparis thyoides (L.) B. S. P.



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Atantic or coast white cedar is found in bogs or low areas along ponds or streams. It has a scattered distribution from the mid-coast south. In Maine it rarely reaches a height of over 40 feet. The short branches come out from a gradually tapering trunk, giving the tree a conical appearance. The twigs are only slightly flattened.

The **bark** is fibrous, grayish to reddish-brown, often with twisted spirals; on young trees it is easily pulled off in strips.

The **leaves** are bluish-green, scale-like, and arranged in somewhat fan-shaped clusters. When crushed, they give off an aroma.

The **cones** are small, round, smooth and purplish before maturity, about 1/4 inch in diameter with tackle-like scales. They persist through the winter, but are inconspicuous.





The **wood** is light, close-grained, strongly fragrant, and light brown tinged with red. It is brittle and therefore of limited use, though small trees are cut for fenceposts. The shavings are used for pet bedding.



Atlantic white cedar is rare in Maine and occurs only in a few isolated bogs in the south and mid-coast.

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Atlantic White Cedar Circumference: 68" Height: 63' Crown Spread: 19' Location: Alfred

